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Honorable Jesse Helms
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Dear Senator Helms:

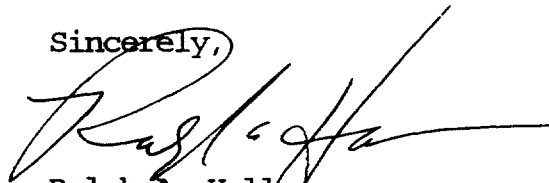
This is in reply to your letter of January 13, 1994, on behalf of your constituent Mr. Charles Hall Ashford, III. Mr. Ashford requested information concerning the lottery for new personal communications systems (PCS) franchises. Your letter was referred to me as Chief of the Personal Communications Systems Task Force for the Commission.

As you know, the recently enacted Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA) authorized the Commission to establish spectrum auctions and PCS licensing. Pursuant to OBRA, PCS licenses will not be awarded by lottery, but rather through competitive auction.

On March 8, 1994, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order in its Competitive Bidding proceeding, PP Docket No. 93-253. That proceeding established procedures and rules for participating in its spectrum auctions generally. In addition, at its April 20, 1994 meeting, the Commission also adopted (although it has not yet released) a Third Report and Order establishing rules and procedures for the auction of narrowband PCS licenses.

As further information for your constituent, Mr. Ashford, I include the Commission's news releases describing those two recent actions.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller
Chief, PCS Task Force

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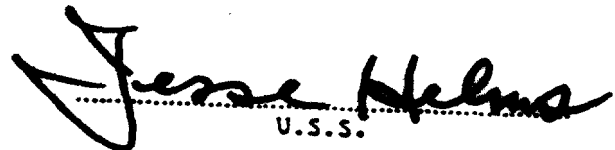
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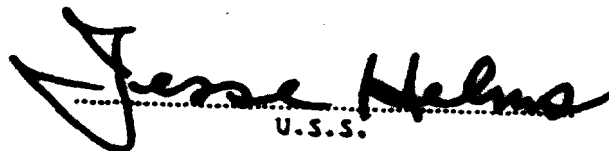
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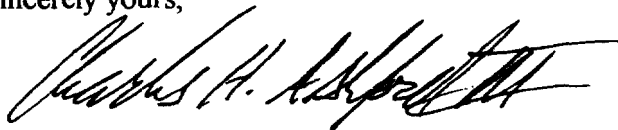
Dear Mr. Broughton,

We spoke on the phone last week and you asked me to send you a letter requesting the information that I wanted. I believe you were going to then call the FCC and see what they could send.

I am writing you concerning the lottery for the new P.C.S. (Personal Communications Service) franchises. I do not have any more information other than that I believe the lottery is scheduled for May of 1994. If you could send me any information that you could find or have the FCC send me what they have I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you very much for your help.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Ashford III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "C" and "A".

Charles Hall Ashford, III